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Stonewall

May 1 — We are all so very proud of our young folks at Hebron. They did such a wonderful job for Youth Week in our church and we appreciate everyone of them so much and hope the best for everyone of them in their future life.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and children, of Richmond, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Miss Alva Moore, of Sherwill spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman and girls and Mrs. Alma Jennings, of Lynchburg, was the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings and Mr. and Mrs Monroe Dyess and family on Friday.

Mrs. Parks Jennings is spending this week with Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Spain and family in Colonial Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Haley and children, of Roanoke, spent the week end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson and other home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, Mrs. Wesley Bethel and Lewis and Mr. C. D. Drinkard visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick over week end.

Mrs. Agnes Carson and Mrs. Irby Wheeler visited with Mrs. C. D. Carson last week.

Mrs. Davis Smith, of Lynchburg, and Miss Frances Smith, of Spout Springs, visited M r s. Agnes Carson and the Davidson family on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson were business visitors in Lynchburg on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas and family.

Mrs. Ida Stratton, of Lynchburg, spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Stratton and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Caulden and Ken are spending this week in Florida and other places of interest.

Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and Mrs Tom Davidson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hagie Robertson at Spout Springs last Sunday. Mrs. Robertson is on the sick list. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Junior Club Visits School

Eleven members of the Junior Woman's Club of Appomattox held a theater party last Wednesday evening, April 24, and traveled to Lynchburg to see the comedy "Once More With Feeling" at the Fine Arts Center.

On Sunday afternoon, April 28, another group took gifts and other items to the Lynchburg Training School and were given a tour of the school.

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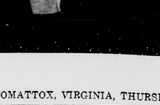

Bible Material: Psalms 32; 51; 103:8-14.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 130

To Be Forgiven

Lesson for May 5

Why is it that when a sermon or a Sunday school lesson is to be on the subject of Forgiveness, or anything connected with it, the Bible passage selected is nearly always from the O l d Testament and not the New? The answer is obvious: the Old Testament, and especially the book of Psalms, has the clearest and most moving account of God's forgiveness, and especially the experience of being forgiven, that can be found in the Bible.

This fact alone suggests much. It means, for example, that forgiveness is not something peculiar to our own religion. All religions desire a forgiving God; the difference between these and Christianity is not that people in other religions don't care whether they are forgiven or not, but that they do not understand, as followers of C h r i s t know, what kind of God it is who forgives, and why He forgives at all.

Two Misunderstandings

The forgiveness of God can be misunderstood in m a n y ways. Let us glance at two of them. One is to suppose that He is a sort of vast forgiving machine. This is the age of automation, when everything works by push-buttons. When the electric power goes off, a switch untouched by human hands will put your house on a n o t h e r power line. When the plane in which you are flying starts to slide down, the automatic pilot will bring it right back up again. Some people think God is like this f o r g i v i n g automatically some would say even before a man repents. Others think of repentance as a sort of automatic switch: the minute a man says "I'm sorry" out comes forgiveness from heaven like c a n d y from a machine. But it isn't like that at all. Another mistake is to suppose that God's forgiveness is a sort of reward, as if God said, after all, that sinner is a pretty good man — above the average, in fact. Such goodness deserves some recognition, so I am going to reward him by forgiving him. It isn't like that either. To be forgiven is a gift of God.

"I Did Not Hide"

The poet who wrote Psalm 32 knew from experience something very important. He had tried for a time that old dodge, pretending to himself that he had not sinned at all. Nothing could be more utterly absurd, when you think of it, than trying to hide away from God. Nothing can be more impossible than to pretend it never happened. Nobody can go off and shut a door behind him and fancy that God will get no nearer than that door. A modern psychiatry agrees with the ancient psalmist that unadmitted sin, hidden guilt, is actually a serious menace to health. Psalm 32:3 and 4 describe a sick man. Doctors cannot cure such a case. The patient himself has the key to the cure, and this poet found it. "I acknowledged—" he says, "I did not hide;" "I will confess."

"Love Surrounds Him"

Forgiveness is a kind of miracle after all. For we know that forgiveness is no good if the forgiver is determined never to forget. But how can God forget? Further—and this is something that perhaps even angels may not understand — the question, Why should God forgive at all? Has no final answer that leaves us without further questions. Would it not be simpler for God to start all over again with some other race, a race that could not keep patching up human beings when he does not have to?

The truth is, God does much better than patch people up. He makes them over. The forgiveness of God has a strange quality about it. Ordinary forgiveness leaves offenders about as they were. God's forgiveness d o e s something wonderful to the sinner. Read over this 32nd Psalm again and again. What sort of man is this who speaks with such profound enthusiasm about being forgiven? He d o e s not sound in the least like a man who rejoices that his slate has been wiped clean so that he can start all over again. He is not at all thinking of God as a forgiving-machine. He has penetrated to the secret — not that he understands it, but he knows it: God forgives because He loves. What guarantees against future sins? Nothing in me, only love in Him.

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Pastor Says

THE FAMILY

The observance of Christian Home Week with emphasis upon family life is coming up soon. This annual observance indicates the importance of family life. No more vital emphasis could be placed before the American mind in these days when ten thousand witcheries would destroy this basic foundation of society.

If history has taught anything, it is that the "hand that rocks the cradle rules the world". Yet we no longer use the cradle. Modern society segregates the child and mother the very hour the child is born. The child has to be raised on a bottle, cared for by the maid or some nurse, and is shuttled from pillar to post because of the arrangements of modern society. When the child needs it's mother the most, often times it sees her the least.

It is perfectly natural for a child to love and be loved. This is also the natural instinct of motherhood. Yet, the modern world seems to have turned around this natural order. The economic and social standards demand a way of life beyond the average home. So it becomes necessary for the husband to have two jobs, or the wife to work. The larger proportions of today's homes demand "extra hands" to keep body and soul together. So we surrender to the demands of society at the expense of family life many times.

What has this done to the Home Life of today? Well, for one thing, it has lessened the opportunity for a man and wife and family to have relaxed time to share in the more personal elements of home - building. They have a little time to snatch a bit of this and that, but do not have the opportunity of sharing in a close - knit family life. Time enough to pray, plan and share life together.

When these qualities are exercised by the family they have achieved a higher degree of happiness and true success. At least this has been my observation.

I have the distinct privilige of sharing in revivals during the spring and summer in the rural sections of our state. I see more often in these areas, than in town or city life, this closeness of family life. A study of this could improve the over -all picture today.

The church has a responsibility in this area, and I for one have been gratified at the increased emphasis by those who are experts in this field. The planning of the teaching programs, training and worship services are for the entire family. Our churches must recognize this. The theme around family life this year is the idea of giving God a chance.

This is a time of uncertainty and discontent. More than ever the church needs to give itself to the care of families. Why not plan to give more emphasis upon the spiritual qualities that go into home building? The principles of love, permanency, faithfulness and mutuality must be observed. These will build better homes, and thus we will have a better world.

When husband and wife submit themselves to one another, "in the fear of the Lord", when children "obey their parents in the Lord", and when parents "bring up their children in the admonition of the Lord", there will be a marked improvement in the family life of today's world.

Grace Noel Growell has some lines that reveal the importance of the home.

So long as there are homes to which men turn
At the close of day;
So long as there are homes where children are,
Where Women stay —
If love and loyalty and faith be found
Across those sills —
A stricken nation can recover from
Its gravest ills.
So long as there are homes where fires burn
And there is bread;
So long as there are homes where lamps are lit
And prayers are said;
Although people falter thourh the dark —
And nations grope—
With God himself back of these little homes
We have sure hope.

O. D. Moore
Liberty Baptist Church

Evergreen

May 1 — A number from here attended the 45th anniversary and dedication of Hollywood Church Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. J. P. O'Brien, of Greensboro, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dixon and family recently.

K. C. Paulette, Miss Barbara Kay Staples attended the Horse Show at Lynchburg last Saturday.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette is spending this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Perpuson and family at Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

A number will attend the Associational Sunday School meeting at Liberty Church Monday night.

Mrs. E. T. Bruce, Mrs. Ryland Staples were at Lynchburg last week.

Rev. Winfred Elder and family have been sick with mumps; also Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John's boys, Dennis and James but all are much better now.

Mrs. J. L. Evans is improving at her home after having a sprained ankle.

We were glad to have Miss Hazel Moon, a missionary from Africa, at Baptist Church here Sunday morning.

Rev. V. L. Hudson is assisting Rev. L. P. Brown in revival services in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, near South Hill, this week.

Beckham

May 1 — We are all thankful for the rain this week.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mays Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller, of Appomattox.

Mrs. T. H. Burge and Paul Burge attended the funeral of Mrs. A. P. Carwile in Buckingham Sunday afternoon.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin, Jr. and Janet were Mrs. J. T. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Ferguson and family, Judson Morris, Robert Morris, Ronnie and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin and Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin, Jo Anne and Eddie.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Trinity Church was well represented at the annual meeting held at Hotel Roanoke the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., Dorothy and Dianne, of Richmond, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Sr. Mrs. Moore accompanied the group from Trinity Church to Hotel Roanoke for the Wesleyan Service Guild annual week end.

Hay represents 38 per cent of the average milk cow ra 60 per cent of the ra beef and other cattle, to an article in the la land Grassland News.

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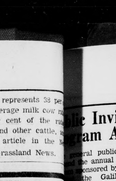

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Invited To Attend am At Galilee Baptist

eral public is invited e annual Ladies Day sponsored by the Ladies the Galilee Baptist Sunday evening at literary program will s with talent from the special greetings will rom local clubs. The ete Palmer and his Baptist Church, of burg, will be the spe- Miss H. B. Stephens as mistress of cere-

bers and friends are invited to attend the ring worship at the ptist Church this Sun- g. At the close of the worship the annual s will come to a close. given for the benefit erends Tyree, J. W. Keer, B. H. Agnew, J. W. McCodon, C. L. Elliott, and H. W. Pryor.

The public is cordially invited to attend the annual Ladies Day program of the Zion Baptist Church of Pamplin on the second Sunday in May at 3 p.m. The Galilee Baptist Church and Junior Choir with its pastor will be the special guests.

A large crowd attended the regular P.T.A. meeting at the Carver Price High School last Monday evening at 7:30. After the regular meeting a special program was given by the teachers with their children from the first thru the seventh grades. Remarks were given by principal M. M. Robinson.

The annual May Day exercises will be held at the Carver Price High School this Friday May 3 beginning at 9 a.m. The program will include drills, dances and special gymnastic exercises, the marsh and crowning of the King and Queen. The afternoon will be a special baseball game between Russell Grove, of Amelia and the local Carver Price team.

Mrs. M. T. Price, our County supervisor, is still on the sick list.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching services at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon. All present enjoyed the message. The offering for the day was very good.

Route 1

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cheatham and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Nash and H. T., Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Nash were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Nash, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Booth and Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. Allie Nash Sunday.

Richard Nash is attending school in Washington this week.

Mrs. Bill Thompson and son, Kenneth, of Lynchburg, visited her aunt, Mrs. N. L. Cheatham.

Mrs. N. L. Cheatham spent of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Marshall

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Nash, Jr and Carolyn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moore at Gladstone Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Nash and Mrs. Margaret Marshall visited Mrs. Ollie Jones last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Nash, of Richmond, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chap Nash Sunday.

Mrs. Rayland Taylor visited her parents over the week end.

Mrs. Margaret Marshall spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Malcolm Jordan

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tibbs ate birthday supper with his son, J. B. Tibbs, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Sr. spent the day Monday in Lynchburg.

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Carver-Price To Hold May Day Program Friday

Carver-Price High School's annual May Day will begin Friday at 9 a.m. Devotions by Rev. R. Q. Lawing and J. B. Friend will be followed by a welcome address by Mrs. M. J. Price and Principal M. M. Robinson. Then the Kings and Queens and their attendants will take their places to view a full program of folk dancing, creative dancing and athletic events. The traditional dance around the May Pole will be performed by Grades 1 to 3. A baseball game between Carver-Price and Russell Grove will bring the day's activities to a close.

Church News

Liberty Baptist Church

Sunday night at the regular worship hour the YWA's will give a program which was given recently at Eagle Eyrie.

The pastor will speak Sunday morning on "Life's most Important Question.".

Calendar of Activities

SUNDAY:
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School
11:00 a.m. — Worship
6:30 p.m. — Celestial Choir
7:00 p.m. — Training Union
8:00 p.m. —Worship
WEDNESDAY:
3:30 p.m. — Junior Choir
6:30 p.m. — Concord Choir
7:00 p.m. — Missions Night
8:00 — Church Choir

Memorial Methodist Church
Rev. Richard A. Bergdoll, Pastor

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services on the first Sunday in May. For the Morning Worship, the minister's sermon subject will be: "The Christian Family", and all families of the church are invited to commune together at the Lord's Table, in commemoration of the May emphasis on the Christian Family. The Sanctuary Choir will present special anthems and the annual budget of the church will be presented for consideration by the entire membership. All members and friends are urged to be present.

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Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church

Millard G. Stimpson, Minister
Sunday School — 9:50 a.m.
Morning Worship — 11:00 a.m.
Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" — Wilson
Message: "God Planted a Garden"
Pioneer and Youth Fellowships— 6:30 p.m.
Monday — Youth Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.
Thursday — Junior Choir Rehearsal at 3:15 p.m.

Red Oak Baptist Church

Rev. Keith Whitbead, Pastor.
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
6:30 Training Union
7:30 Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday 7:30 Prayer Meeting, 8:00 Youth Choir Practice.

Appomattox Methodist Circuit

The Rev. W. L. Ayres, Pastor
FRIDAY:
7:30 p.m. — Mt. Comfort Nominating Committee will meet at the Parsonage.
SATURDAY:
3 p.m. —Bethel Church Cookout with Worship, Games, Hymn Sing and Picnic. Everyone is cordially invited to come.
Sunday:
May 5 10 a.m. Hermon Worship Service. Church School at Mt. Comfort Bethel and Trinity.
11 a.m. Mt. Comfort Worship Service.
2:30 Christian Workers Training School Set Up meeting for next year at Memorial Church, Appomattox.
7 p.m. MYF at Trinity and Mt. Comfort.
7:30 Mt. Comfort Prayer Service and Bible Study
MONDAY: 8 p.m. Trinity Guild
WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m. Trinity Bible Study and Prayer Service.
St. Ann's Episcopal Church
Sunday, May 5, 1963
Church School at 10 a.m.
Service of Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.

OBITUARIES

Miss Mary E. Rice

Miss Mary Elizabeth Rice, 93, of Richmond, formerly of Appomattox County, died Monday morning in Richmond.

Born in King and Queen County, she was the daughter of Dr. A. A. and Mammie Haynes Rice. She was a member of Richmond's First Baptist Church.

Services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Hebron Baptist Church in Appomattox County. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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Mrs. J. T. Durham

Mrs. Elmira Thomas Durham, 90, wife of John T. Durham, of 922 16th St. died at 11:15 a.m. Friday at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, she was the daughter of the late Robert Lee and Lillian Lefew Thomas. She was a resident of Lynchburg for 40 years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Daughters of America.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sons, Ernest G. Durham, of Forest, John E. Durham of Rock Island, Ill., Arthur B. Durham, of Lynchburg, and Wilburn R. Durham, of Fort Worth, Tex.; two daughters, Mrs. Maynard E. Arthur, of Richmond, and Mrs. Robert G. Martin, of Lynchburg; four brothers, Vernon D. Thomas and Edward Lee Thomas, both of Appomattox Elbert H. Thomas, of Lynchburg and Russell C. Thomas, of Madison Heights; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in First Baptist Church by Dr. M. W. Grissom and Dr. Joseph A. Johnson. Burial was in Presbyterian Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lardon Thomas, Carlton Thomas, Raymond Thomas, Fred Thomas, Marvin Thomas, Edward L. Thomas, Jr., Robert Thomas and Frank Thomas.

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Juniors Elect New President

Mrs. Peggy Lawron was elected president of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club on Tuesday, April 30. Mrs. Alease Cobb will be first vice president, Mrs. Louise Lawron, second vice president, Mrs. Rafena George, recording secretary, Mrs. Barbara Cawthorne, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Gloria Blythe, treasurer, and Mrs. Betty Phelps historian.

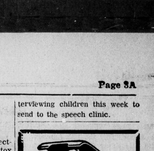
Installation will take place at the annual meeting on May 28.

Library Gives Book

The club voted to give the book, "I Can't Forget" by Eloise Davenport to the county library.

Camp Easter Seal

The club is making plans to send a child to Camp Easter Seal at New Castle. Mrs. Alease Cobb and her committee are interviewing children this week to send to the speech clinic.



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